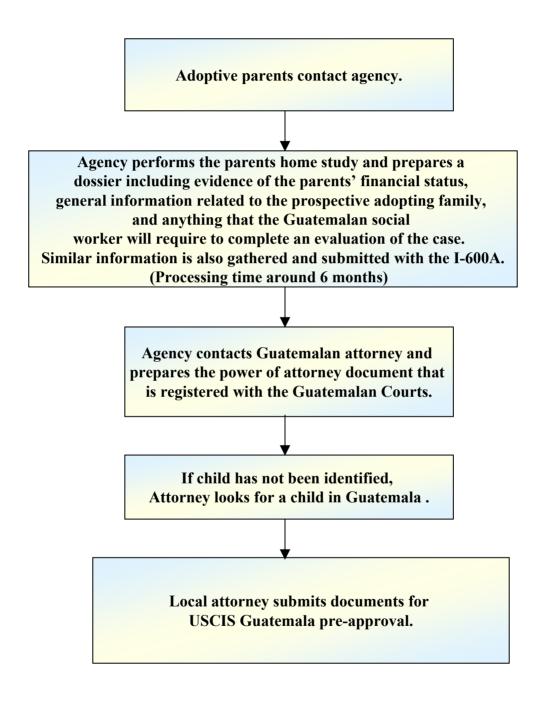
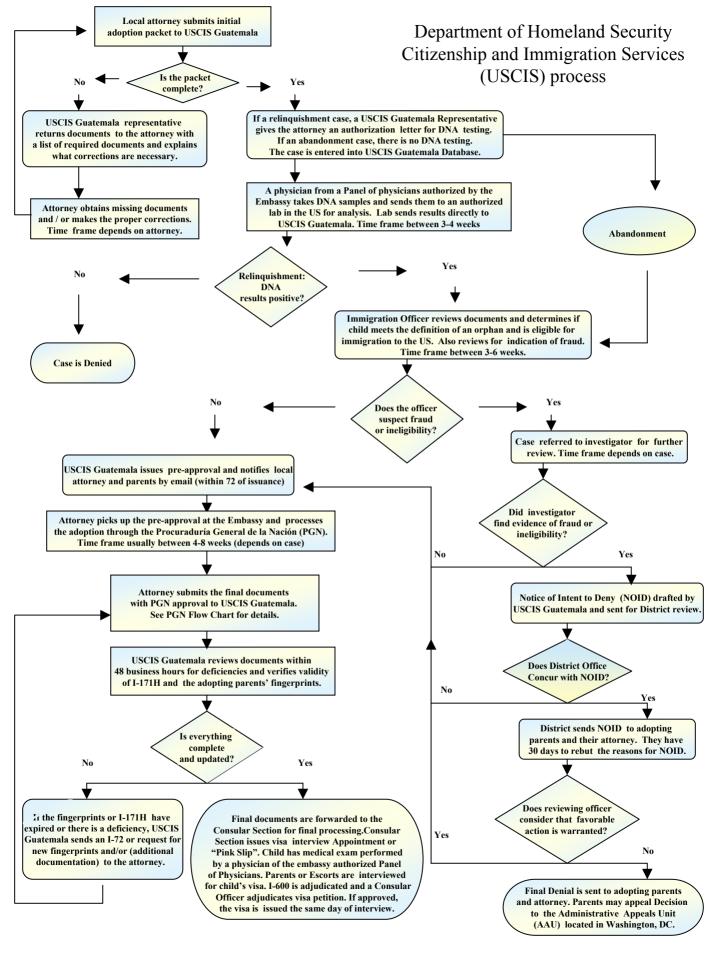
Process Prior to USCIS Review

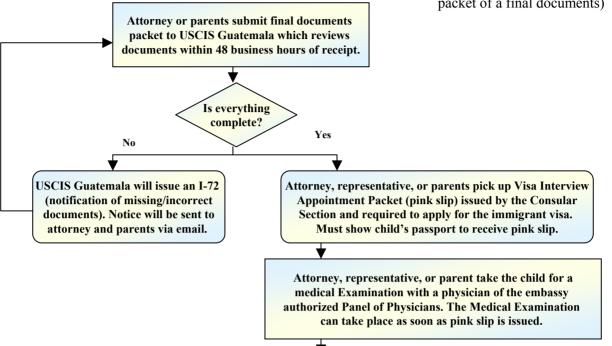




Procuraduría General de la Nación (PGN) process Submit power of attorney ruling by the solicitor attorney's office - Procuraduría General de la Nación(PGN). The power of the (After USCIS has pre-approved the case) Guatemalan attorney should have been previously prepared by the parents and the agency in the United States and has to be registered and approved by the PGN. This process is called Time frame in this process depends on the 'Protocolización del Mandato de Representación. case and the attorney. Timeframe between several weeks to several months. The initial dossier prepared by the International Agency is sent to the 'Juzgado de la Familia' A social worker from this office studies the case by looking at the socio economic conditions of the prospective parents and the socioeconomic situation of child. If a relinquishment case, the social worker also studies the Socioeconomic situation of the relinquishing parent. Social worker gives his/her opinion about the case. Is this opinion favorable? Are there any missing Attorney may proceed with documents? adoption process through the Guatemalan Judicial System. PGN issues 'previo' or The PGN reviews case. request for documents. Attorney provides Has PGN given requested documents. clearance for the adoption? PGN notary writes a resolution (Resolución Notarial) authorizing the attorney to proceed with the adoption. Attorney drafts Notarial Decree of Adoption or 'Escritura Final de Adopción'. This document is signed by the legal guardian of the child and formalizes the adoption. The Civil Registry (Registro Civil) issues new birth certificate for the minor, stating the child's adopted name. Is someone representing the legal guardian? No Yes A power of attorney will be required, in which the legal Attorney or parents submit final documents guardian authorizes a representative to sign the packet to USCIS Guatemala which reviews Notarial Decree of Adoption. This document must have the documents within 48 business hours of receipt. stamp of the "Dirección el Archivo General de Protocolos".

Consular Section process

(After USCIS has received the packet of a final documents)



Adoptive parents (or escorts) and child must appear in person for the Immigrant Visa Interview. The interview is an open appointment. In other words, parents (or escorts) may appear at the embassy Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. after the pink slip has been issued. Parents/ escorts should:

- 1. Present pink slip.
- 2. Present parents/ escort's passports and the child's Guatemalan passport (with adopted surname).
- 3. Have paid all required fees.
- 4. Bring a notarized I-600 if only one parent is present.
- 5. Escorts will need a copy of the I-171 (Notice of Approved I-600).
- 6. Medical examination from physician of the embassy authorized Panel of Physicians.
- 7. Three 1/3/4- inch color photographs with a white background.
- 8. Forms DS-230 and 9003 completed. These forms are signed during the interview.
- 9. Escorts need to present an Affidavit Authorizing them to travel with the child to the US for the purpose of uniting the child with his/her adoptive parents.

